IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Kristopher BUCHANAN et al.)) Group Art Unit: 1797
Application No.: 10/539,562) Examiner: Bowers, N.
Filed: June 17, 2005) Confirmation No.: 2677
For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS OF SAMPLE PROCESSING AND TEMPERATURE CONTROL)))

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"), fulfills the requirements for a submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and is in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 2, 2009, the period for response to which extends through January 4, 2010, as January 2, 2010 is a Saturday, by a request for extension of one month and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.